



Spotlight on CTE

**Highlighting Student Leadership Activities and
Achievements in Career and Technical Education**

March 2005

Hang Onto Your Hat!

March Is Here and June is on the Way!

March came snow-blowing in this year, with a lion-sized, last-blast of winter, but just look at your students – Spring Break is in their eyes! In only two months, they “march” off to June, and then dive into summer! Where they go from there is both a challenge and an opportunity.

Whether pursuing related summer work experience, or beginning postsecondary education, CTE students are better prepared than most – thanks to you - to meet a real-world skill demand, with a definite competitive edge. Now is the time to pull out the stops, and give them every advantage we can!

Embedded in this issue are **hot links to scholarship opportunities** and **hot websites** to provide “fuel for the fire”. We make every effort to keep you informed of upcoming events, but rely most heavily on your input. Please let us know of your upcoming student events and opportunities, so we can pass on the news to a statewide audience! Thank you to our faithful contributors. We could not do this without you. With the school year ending soon, and summer looming, we look forward to hearing from you – CTSO directors, CTE teachers, and administrators – before time runs out!

Our next publishing deadline is **May 1**. See page 3 of this issue for the quarterly schedule. Please contact Donna Beltz at beltzd@michigan.gov or (517) 373-8204 if you have newsletter suggestions or questions. Thank you!

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FCCLA: The Ultimate Leadership Experience

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) is a dynamic and effective national student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work, and societal issues through Family and Consumer Science Education.

The organization has involved more than *ten million* youth since its founding as the Future Homemakers of America in 1945. The name was changed on July 7, 1999 to better represent the true nature of FCCLA.



FCCLA State Officers:

President Autumn Brandt,
Hillman HS
VP Jaimi Miller, Pickford
HS
VP Yihe Guan, Saline HS
VP Hilary Witt, Brethren HS
VP Justine Rummer, Alma
HS
VP Divya Rachakonda,
Saline HS
State Sec. Jill Borman,
Brethren HS

Students truly do take the lead in FCCLA. They develop and refine leadership skills in practical ways through chapter projects, holding a chapter or state office. Goal setting and follow through are strongly emphasized, and the results are quite impressive.

Student members decide what projects interest them, set goals, plan the projects, implement them and evaluate the results; the advisers set the boundaries and give guidance.

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In recent years, Michigan FCCLA student leaders have:

- educated their schools and communities about cancer with the American Cancer Society;
- helped prevent premature births, conducting awareness campaigns and fundraising for the March of Dimes;
- collected over 2,000 teddy bears for local fire and police departments;
- educated younger students about healthy lifestyles;
- are currently planning projects to read with elementary school students, and
- are sponsoring a statewide story-writing contest for third graders.

The local, state and national FCCLA organization helps young people examine many of the issues and challenges facing youth today, and work toward gaining the “life skills” they need to meet those challenges. Issues important to youth, such as future careers, youth violence prevention, family relations, traffic safety, community service, and the changing roles of men and women in the home and workplace, are explored through in-class curriculum, hands-on activities, group activities. FCCLA programs, when integrated into the Family & Consumer Sciences curriculum, enrich student learning, improve self-esteem, and serve students with a wide range of ability levels, economic situations, and cultural influences.

There are over 220,000 FCCLA members, and more than 700 here in Michigan. Over 35 schools are participating and FCCLA has experienced an increase of over 20% in just the first semester of this year!

FCCLA is unique among youth organizations because its programs are planned and run by members. It is the only career and technical student organization with family as its central focus. Members become strong leaders in their families, careers, and communities through participation in challenging local, state and national programs and activities. For more information, visit www.mifccla.org, or send an email to bschmidt@emich.edu.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION! Click here:
<http://www.mifccla.org/scholarships/index.htm>.

Other Scholarship Information:

HOSA:

[Michigan Health Occupations Educator's Scholarship 2004-2005 HOSA Scholarship](#)
[Helpful Scholarship Information](#)
[Davenport University/Michigan Health & Hospital Association](#)

Student Spotlight

Michigan HOSA President

Itika Williams
Heart Academy



Ms. Williams, Heart Academy, received the “2004 Michigan Health Council Board of Trustees Scholarship” for \$1,000 for exemplary service as Michigan HOSA State President. Ms. Williams accepted her scholarship from Michigan Health Council Board Chair, Scott Carter, on November 9, 2004. Ms. Williams plans to put her scholarship to good use at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. She plans to study Microbiology in her pursuit to becoming a physician.

SkillsUSA and Tsunami Disaster Relief



SkillsUSA is joining the world in seeking to alleviate the suffering from the December 26 Tsunami and earthquakes in Southeast Asia. The national office would like to hear about your local efforts to help with tsunami victims. Send stories by clicking:
<http://skillsusa.org/mailform.html>.

The White House has suggested, “the most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash contributions to humanitarian organizations that are conducting relief operations.”

For more information on worldwide efforts, click on the following USA Freedom Corps website at:
<http://www.usafreedomcorps.gov> for an extensive list of organizations assisting in tsunami/earthquake relief.

First Annual Automotive Education Day

Hosted by the 2005 North American International Auto Show

Thousands of students converged on the 2005 North American International Auto Show (NAIAS) for the first annual Automotive Education Day on Wednesday, January 19 at Cobo Center, in Detroit. The event was designed to provide southeast Michigan and Windsor area (Detroit's Canadian border city) students in grades 7-12 with an exciting and educational automotive career curriculum, presented by knowledgeable industry professionals. A total of 4,427 students from 102 schools in Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Canada attended.



"This is an exceptional opportunity for young students to explore the variety of career paths available in the automotive industry," said Bill Cook, NAIAS 2005, Senior Co-Chairman. "Many students believe engineering is the only option for an automotive career. This event will expose them to many other types of careers, including finance, interior design, marketing, legal, customer service, and robotics".

Students were directed to seats near the arena stage for opening remarks at 9:00 a.m. The first 500 to arrive received a BMW hat. The first 1,000 received a Scion hat. Guest speaker was Harold Martin, team owner and driver for Harold Martin Pro Modified Racing and President/CEO of Martin Technologies. A former GM engineer, he has been awarded 10 world patents, designed and implemented the first electronic fuel injection engine, and was the first African-American to win an IHRA professional event. For more on Harold, see his cool website at www.HaroldMartin.com.



Participating NAIAS exhibitors then conducted 15-minute presentations at their respective exhibits or special stage in Michigan Hall, discussing a variety of industry topics, some of which included design trend, automotive technology, and safe driving. Thousands of students participated throughout the day, following an itinerary similar to a press conference schedule. Students had an opportunity to ask questions of industry specialists and obtain information on career paths in the automotive industry at a kit distribution area.

The program was announced to area schools earlier this year. School groups could purchase tickets priced at \$10 (USD) per person, which included entry into the show for that day and lunch in Cobo Arena. Students interested in participating in next year's Automotive Education Day are encouraged to contact their school career counseling center for more information.

(A word about the sponsor)

About the North American International Auto Show
Entering its 17th year as an international event, the North American International Auto Show is among the most prestigious auto shows in the world, and is one of the largest media events in North America. The NAIAS is the only auto show in the United States to earn the distinguished sanction of the *Organisation Internationale des Constructeurs d'Automobiles*, the Paris-based alliance of automotive trade associations and manufacturers from around the world. The NAIAS website is: www.naias.com.

TRAC Treasures

Would you like to hear something really great about TRAC for a change? Watch this spot from now on in future issues for *Good News*. For those of you who may not be familiar with the acronym, it stands for "Technical Review, Assistance and Compliance" visits to all Career Initiative regions statewide, conducted by OCTP staff.

So what has that got to do with this newsletter? Well, we discover some gems out "in the field" that you should know about! There's treasure buried in those reports, and we want to give them the limelight they deserve. So from now on, this spot will highlight some of the terrific things that are happening in career and technical education that we discover during the course of our visits, related to outstanding student leadership activities and and/or outcomes.

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Our first "Treasure" comes from our TRAC visit to the **Newaygo County Career Tech Center**. The December 2004 report states:

"The hospital (Gerber Memorial) relationship is getting great responses from the community. The competition and graduation ceremony is exciting and exemplary. Percentage of state board passage is high and passage for first and second year students on class work tests is higher than the state requires. For seven years, the program had 100% passage on state boards. Students are very employable. Out of 52 this year, (there were only) 4 failures – but they passed the second time on a new test that most schools are having a great deal of difficulty with. The school is funding second-year students after they have graduated from high school to assure completion of their career coursework and passage of the state test."

'Way-to-go-Newaygo! (You may groan now, but I couldn't resist.) Great job – great teachers, great students!!

Calendar of Upcoming CTSO Events

BPA: www.michiganbpa.org

March 17-20, 2005, Grand Rapids, Michigan State Leadership Conference at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel and Conference Center

April 26~ May 1 - 59th International Career Development Conference, *Anaheim, California*

FCCLA: www.mifccla.org

April 13-15, 2005 State Leadership Meeting, Grand Traverse Resort

HOSA: www.michiganhosa.org

April 21 - 23, 2005 HOSA State Leadership Conference, Grand Traverse Resort, Acme

SkillsUSA: www.miskillsusa.org

April 22-24, 2005 - 33rd Annual State Leadership & Skills Conference, Lansing

Byron FFA Chapter Wins National Award

The National FFA Organization has selected the Byron FFA Chapter of Byron, Michigan for the 2004 National Chapter Award. This award is designed to recognize chapters that actively pursue the mission and strategies of the organization. These chapters use a Program of Activities that emphasizes student, chapter, and community development. Quality standards have been developed in each area as minimum requirements for the recognition. FFA advisors for the chapter are Tate Forbush and Emily Oppen. The chapter has 127 members.

The Byron Chapter was recognized as the winner in the Chapter Development division because they conducted activities that focused upon improving chapter operations. Realizing how important recruitment and retention is to the success of their chapter and the entire organization, the Byron chapter focused on attracting more members. They sent high school chapter members to present the benefits of membership to the middle school FFA chapter, encouraging them to continue their involvement in FFA. They also held an officer training retreat, and held a fruit and nut sale that raised more than \$6,500. This high-quality FFA chapter truly believes in their motto, which is "Learn, Lead, SUCCEED"!

State CTSO Director Corner

Newsletter Publishing Schedule:

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March
June

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